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IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

No claims are amended herein, however a complete list of the claims is provided below for the convenience of the Examiner:

1. (Previously Presented) A server for performing a predetermined process in response to requests from a plurality of users, the server comprising:
 - group specifying means for specifying, in the case of a predetermined user having logged in using a user ID and password, a group to which the user belongs;
 - using environment specifying means for specifying a using environment corresponding to the group specified by the group specifying means;
 - using environment setting means for setting an environment which conforms to the using environment specified by the using environment specifying means;
 - creating means for creating databases according to groups and designating one of the databases which an application program uses; and
 - providing means for providing, when a request, specifying a particular application program, is received from the logged-in user, along with both the user ID and password used by the user to log in, the received request to the specified application program according to the group and the using environment corresponding to the received user ID and password.
2. (Original) The server according to claim 1, wherein the group comprises one or more users.
3. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 1, wherein the databases are divided physically or logically according to the groups, and the using environment setting means sets one of the databases corresponding to the group specified by the group specifying means.
4. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 1, wherein the group

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specifying means comprises a table which associates user information regarding each user with the group to which each user belongs and specifies the appropriate group by referring to the user information, which the user entered when the user logged in, and the table.

5. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 1, further comprising:
processing means for performing a process corresponding to a request from the user, wherein the processing means performs a process in the environment for each group set by the using environment setting means.

6. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable record medium recording a computer program for realizing the functions of a server for performing a predetermined process in response to requests from a plurality of groups, the program comprising the functions of:

- specifying, in the case of a predetermined user having logged in using a user ID and password, a group to which the user belongs;
- specifying a using environment corresponding to the specified group;
- setting an environment which conforms to the specified using environment;
- creating databases according to groups and designating one of the databases which an application program uses; and
- providing, when a request, specifying a particular application program, is received from the logged-in user, along with both the user ID and password used by that user to log in, the received request to the specified application program according to the group and the using environment corresponding to the received user ID and password.

7. (Previously Presented) A method of realizing the functions of a server for performing a predetermined process in response to requests from a plurality of groups, comprising:

- specifying, in the case of a predetermined user having logged in using a user ID and password, a group to which the user belongs;
- creating databases according to groups and designating one of the databases which an application program uses; and
- providing, when a request, specifying a particular application program, is received from the logged-in user, along with both the user ID and password used by that user to log in, the received request to the specified application program according to the group and a specified using environment corresponding to the received user ID and password.